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**MEDICAL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
NATIONAL MEETING**

1. The Medical Library Association (MLA) will hold its national meeting in Dallas, TX, May 17 through May 23, 2002. The Veterans Health Administration (VHA) will hold two meetings for the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Library Network (VALNET) librarians on Wednesday, May 22, 2002.
2. This year's MLA program, which focuses on the digital world in which librarians operate today, will provide special programs on succeeding in this rapidly changing environment. Attendance at this conference will enable each facility's library staff to attend sessions covering a wide variety of library and information science issues.
3. The VA program's focus is on the value of knowledge-based information services. This topic has been chosen to provide the VA librarian community the opportunity to explore the methods and tools available for conveying the intrinsic value of knowledge-based information services. Opportunities for expressing and reinforcing the value of librarian services will be identified, along with insights into maximizing and maintaining value visibility.
4. Professional librarians direct the functions of the organization responsible for identifying, locating, analyzing, and delivering knowledge-based information to VHA health care providers. Each facility's librarian's attendance at this conference is encouraged. Facilities are responsible for tuition, travel expenses, and per diem.
5. Questions may be referred to Ginny DuPont, Network Librarian, Communication Service, VHA Office of Information, VA Central Office, at (202) 273-8522.

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